

**SIEMENS****RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER****FACSIMILE COVER SHEET**

FEB 26 2004

In the UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor: Raul Rico

Application No. 09/731,501

Filed: 12/07/2000

Title: Method and Apparatus to Tune Rotor's Torsional Natural Frequency by Geometry of Rotor Winding Slot

Examiner: Burton S. Mullins

Art Unit: 2834

**OFFICIAL**➔ **FACSIMILE ATTN TO: BURTON S. MULLINS FAX NO.: 703-872-9306****REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8**I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office on  
February 26, 2004.  
Sandra J. Steunenberg

Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate

Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of transmission, or this certificate must identify each submitted paper.

This facsimile cover sheet which includes a Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8 (1 pg)  
PTO/SB/30 RCE Transmittal (1 pg)**Number of pages being transmitted (including this cover sheet): 2 pgs**

The information contained in this facsimile message may contain attorney privileged and confidential information intended only for the use of the individual or entity named above. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or the employee or agent responsible to deliver it to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please immediately notify us by telephone, and return the original message to us. Thank you.

**Siemens Corporation**Legal and Intellectual Property  
Department4400 Alafaya Trail  
Orlando Florida 32826Tel: 407-736-2472  
FAX: 407-736-6440

<b>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b>  Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	<b>Application Number</b>	09/731,501
	<b>Filing Date</b>	12/07/2000
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Raul Rico
	<b>Art Unit</b>	2834
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	Burton S. Mullins
	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	2000P09039US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-2179

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)


ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.135 and 1.17)

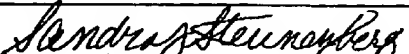
iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
<b>Name (Print /Type)</b>	Terrence M. Brennan	<b>Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)</b>	42,360
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	February 26, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below:			
<b>Name (Print /Type)</b>	Sandra J. Steunenbergh	<b>Date</b>	February 26, 2004
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	February 26, 2004

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.114. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.